

Welcome to the Reformed Church of Metuchen. We hope that your spirit is nourished by our worship service.

The service is also streaming live through our Facebook page.

For the live-stream, please go to www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed.

Rev. Dr. Peter Sanfilippo, Pastor and Rev. Fransisca Rumokoy are leading the service.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

— **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,**

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Reformed Church of Metuchen,

With the alarming rise of COVID-19, and in response to Governor Murphy's state-wide mandate, we strongly urge you to voluntarily limit Sunday worship to virtual only. (*Our church cannot exceed the state-wide number of people allowed to assemble indoors.*) Additional updates concerning future worship, including special services, as well as Christmas and Christmas Eve services, will be posted shortly. It is unfortunate that we find ourselves implementing these measures, however, given the dire projections for the coming months it is the only prudent and responsible thing to do. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

In order to ensure we adhere to a safe number of people we are requesting that you call or email to register by Wednesday of that week if you intend to attend in-person worship on Sunday.

Church telephone: 732-548-2463

Church email: rcmetuchen@msn.com

To access live-stream of Sunday service: please go to www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed

The live-stream link is also posted on the home page of the church's website at: www.rcmetuchen.org

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Streaming November 24th at 7:30 P.M.

Metuchen-Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association will present an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 24th at 7:30 P.M. streaming live only at: <https://youtu.be/150v6pvNZTI>. Congregation Neve Shalom is hosting. All are welcome.

An Appeal to the Congregation

We are trying to **raise \$2500.00 by December 24** to help defray the cost of media equipment. While most has been purchased by generous offerings from church members, a significant

balance remains. This equipment is necessary for high quality live-streaming, which has become a fixture of the church. Any offerings, weekly or monthly, are appreciated.

Donations to the Church through PayPal Giving Fund Website Link and PayPal App

Donations to the church can be made through the church website (www.rcmetuchen.org) using the **Give** link found on the homepage footer and at the drop-down menu under Connect. The **Give** link takes you directly to the church's PayPal Giving Fund account. This is a free account; no fees are charged to the person making the donation or to the church. Using this link, you may donate using your own personal PayPal account, a credit card or a bank debit card.

You may also make your **weekly donation using the PayPal App displayed in the narthex and church lobby**. The PayPal Scan. Pay. Go. App is displayed on the table as you enter the narthex and on the table in the lobby.

Church Office Not Accessible: Tuesday - Thursday; 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Joan is in the office Tuesday through Thursday; 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and can be contacted by phone (732-548-2463) with questions. For the safety of all, we ask that the office not be visited in-person unless absolutely necessary during those times. **For situations that require a visit to the office please wear a face mask that protects those around you such as a 3-layer paper or cloth face mask.** You can also send an email to rcmetuchen@msn.com at any time.

Reformed Church Home Earned U.S. News and World Report Best Nursing Home Rating

Old Bridge, NJ, November 3, 2020] – Kate Shepard, Executive Director at Reformed Church Home, has announced that the skilled nursing center has been named one of the **Best Nursing Homes for 2020-2021** by **U.S. News & World Report**, a nationally recognized publication that annually evaluates and rates health care providers across the country. The Home was awarded the highest rating of “High-Performing” in both the Long-Term Care and the Short-Term Rehabilitation categories. According to the publication, only 21% of the nation's nursing homes earned at least one recognition.

Senior Care in New Jersey

SeniorHousingNet has published a dedicated page that provides information for families and senior citizens who are looking for senior living and care options that can help maintain their independence and quality of life in New Jersey. This free resource provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support and care options that are available in New Jersey; additionally the website offers resources for every city and state across the country.

You can read more about their work here:

- <https://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniors/senior-living-us/new-jersey>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sunday, Nov. 22** **Christ the King Sunday**
10:30 A.M. **Worship in the Sanctuary** (*attendance limited, please see note on 1st page of Notes and Announcements*)
Everyone is required to wear a face mask and to observe directions for seating.
You may go online at: www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed for live-streaming of the service.
- 12:00 P.M.** **Indonesian Language Worship Service in the Sanctuary** (*attendance limited, please see note on 1st page of Notes and Announcements*)
Everyone is required to wear a face mask and to observe directions for seating.
You may go online at: Facebook, Reformed Church of Metuchen Indonesian Fellowship or www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed for live-streaming of the service.
- 5:00 P.M.** Love of Jesus Family Indian Church (sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Nov. 24**
7:30 P.M. **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Streaming Live Only at:**
<https://youtu.be/150v6pvNZTI> - Metuchen Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association is presenting; Congregation Neve Shalom is hosting.
- Sunday, Nov. 29** **First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 A.M. **Worship in the Sanctuary** (*attendance limited, please see note on 1st page of Notes and Announcements*)
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We Pray

Note: This prayer list is reviewed each week by the Pastor. Generally, names remain on the list for two or three weeks and may be added back later to reflect changes in circumstances. To request that a name be added or removed, please call or email the church office at 732-548-2463 or rcmetuchen@msn.com.

For Intercession and Healing for:

- o **Peggy**, a friend of the Washuta family, who suffered a major stroke; we pray for Peggy's recovery, and for her daughters and family as they help Peggy to recover.
- o **Heather** as she recovers from surgery
- o **Felicia Virgin Kalangi and the Pantouw family** as they mourn their loss Felicia's mother, Mieke Roos Pantouw, on November 6, 2020.
- o the **Mohr family** as they mourn their loss of Robin Mohr, mother and grandmother, on November 11, 2020.
- o **Karen León**
- o **Thomas Robertson, Barbara Robertson's husband**, as he waits for a heart transplant
- o **All COVID-19 victims here and around the world; we pray for new treatments and a vaccine to combat the virus; we pray for people to responsibly exercise social distancing and to wear face masks to limit the spread of COVID-19; we pray for God's mercy.**
- o **Tim** for continued good health
- o **Brian Beam**
- o **Marge Viquerat**
- o **Bea Reynolds** who resides at the Reformed Church Home - Apt. E270, 1990 Rt. 18 North, Old Bridge, NJ 08857; we pray for Bea as she grieves over the loss of her sister Eleanor and also as she continues rehab; may Bea find continued healing and renewed physical strength.
- o **Allen Levan** who resides at: AristaCare at Norwood Terrace, 40 Norwood Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060 - Room 225.
- o **Rose's father-in-law** who has been diagnosed with leukemia
- o **Chrissy Tarrant**
- o **Ryan Tarrant**
- o **Paul Matyas** who was diagnosed with cancer; we pray for Paul's healing and recovery
- o **Mary Beth Boyle**
- o **Diane Tropila**
- o **Allen Tropila and Olga Tropila** for health concerns

To Continue to Intercede for:

- o **Wendy**, Carol & Michael Sudol's daughter, who has back problems
- o **For all who need prayers but are not listed**

Men and Women Who Serve in the Military and Their Families

- o We pray for our **soldiers** as they serve and protect.

In the World

- o **the family of George Floyd and that the cruelty of his death be a call to all of us**
- o the **victims** of the violence in **Syria and the Mid-East**

- o We pray for the **families of victims of mass shootings** throughout the world; we pray that this tragic and senseless violence ends.
- o We pray for **the victims of natural & manmade disasters**
- o We pray for **the innocent and vulnerable children who have been separated from their parents at the border.**
- o We pray for this world and **for all whom suffering, loss, homelessness, hunger, and lack of basic freedoms are unrelenting.**
- o We pray for **refugees throughout the world.**
- o We pray for the **immigrants and the Dreamers.**
- o We pray for **all who seek sanctuary.** We pray for **peace.**
- o **We pray that we treat one another with respect and kindness.**

In Thanksgiving for:

- o **All the Essential Workers: Doctors, Nurses, First Responders, Police, Fire and Safety Officers, Warehouse and Delivery Workers, Supermarket Workers, Public Works Workers, and the Many Workers who are keeping us going; We also give thanks for the many volunteers who give their time at food pantries, delivering groceries to the homebound and the many other volunteers who are available and willing to help. God bless them all.**

Suggested Scripture Readings for the Coming Week:

Sun., Nov. 22 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Mon. Psalm 28; Numbers 27:15-23; 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Tues. Psalm 28; Zechariah 11:4-17; Revelation 19:1-9

Wed. Psalm 28; Jeremiah 31:10-14; John 5:19-40

Thurs. Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13
or Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

Fri. Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

Sat. Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31

Sun., Nov. 29 Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37